HMMPH. WHATEVER YOU MAY SAY ABOUT BONDS...
...SHE IS THE ONE WHO HATES ME.
THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO TO CHANGE THAT.
I WONDER... ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
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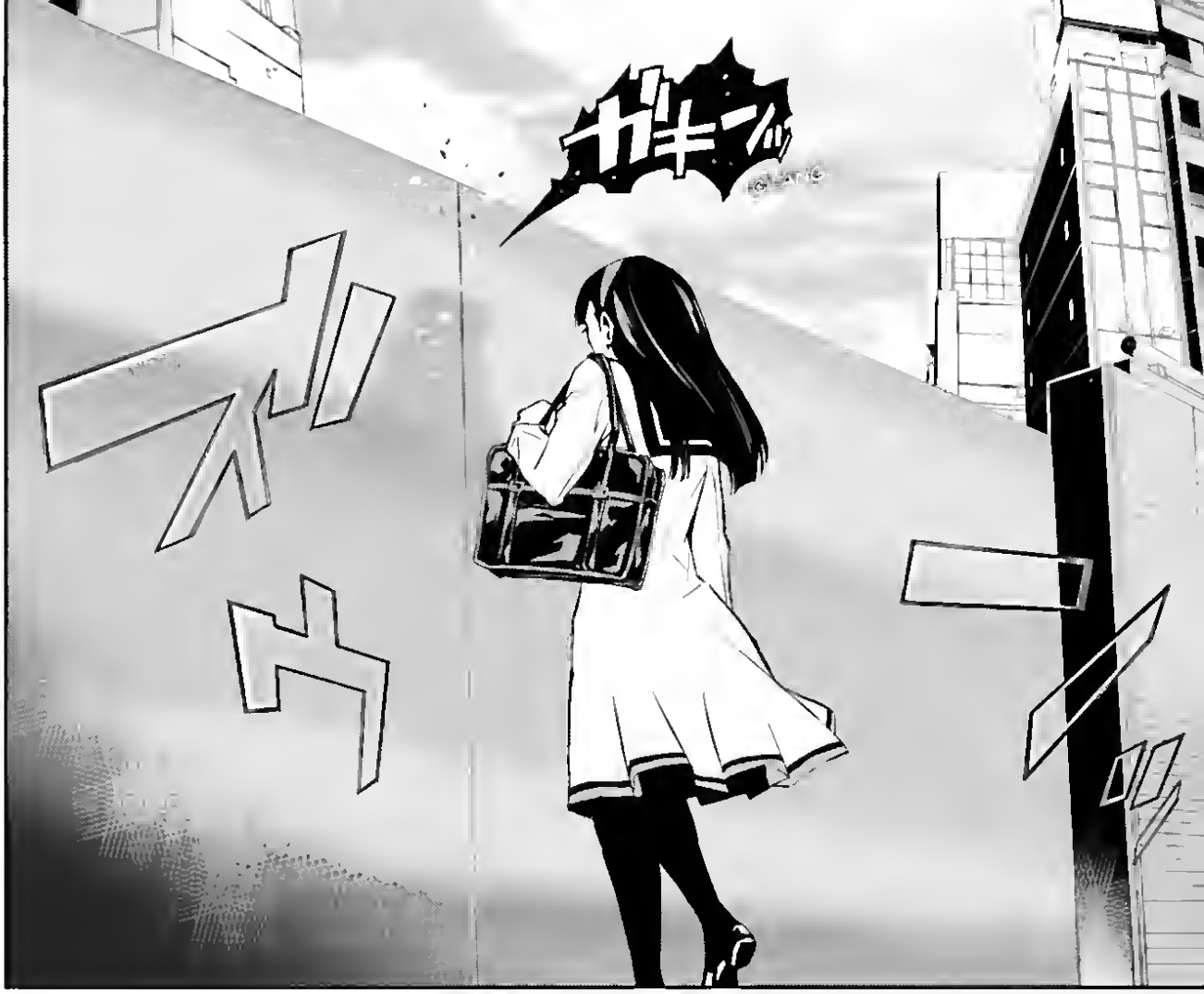
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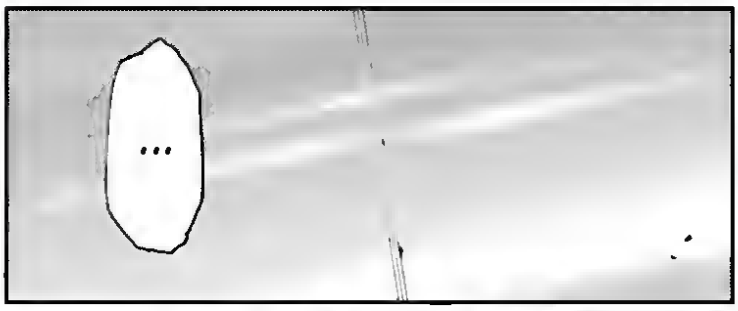
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...HUH?

OH GOOD, I CAUGHT YOU!

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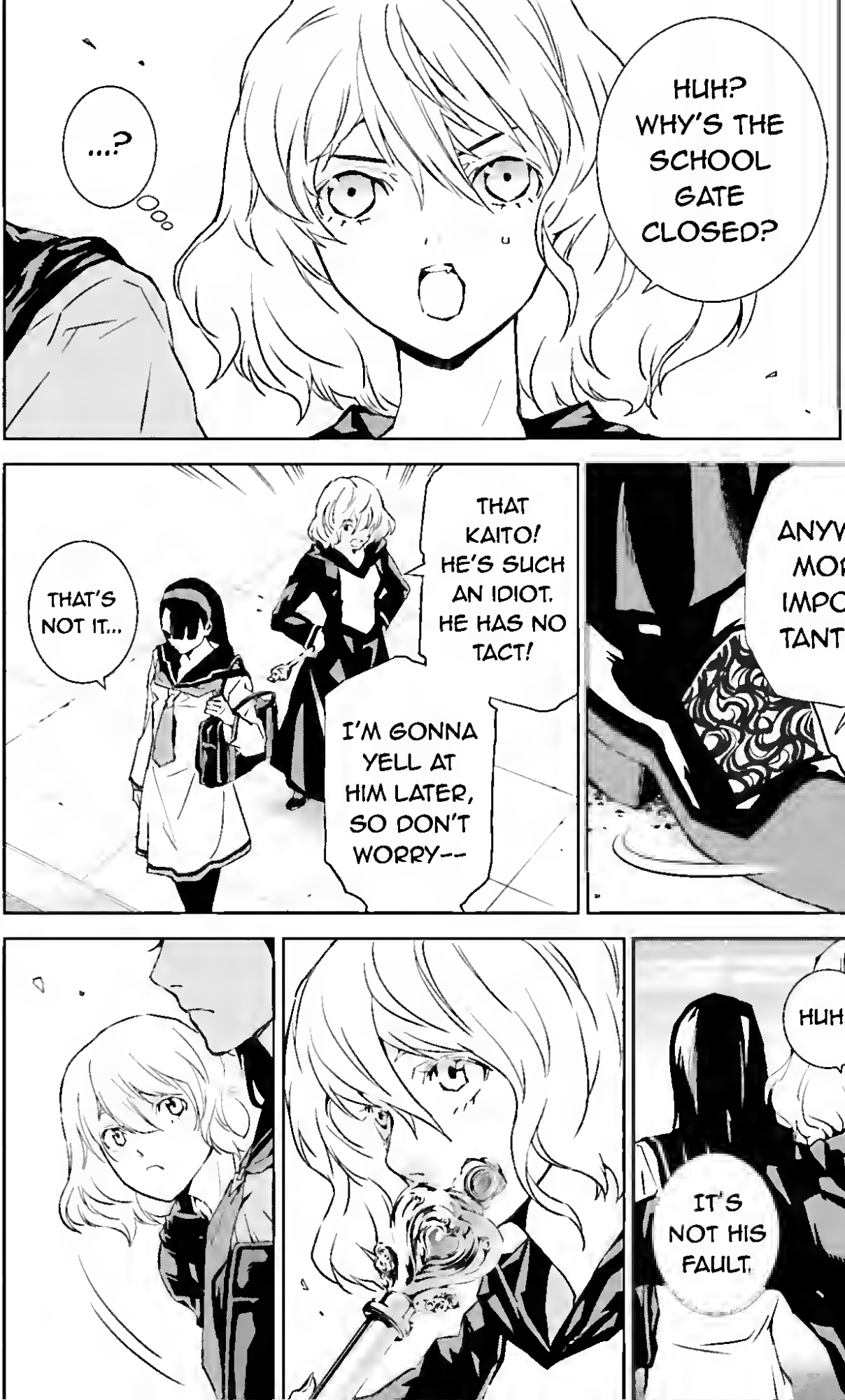
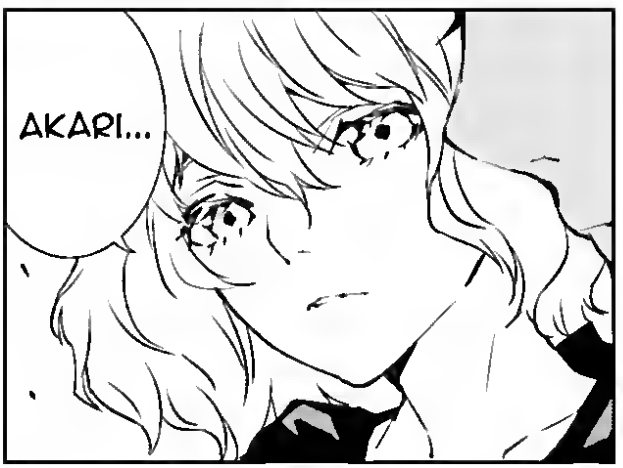

HUH? WHY'S THE SCHOOL GATE CLOSED?
...?
THAT KAITO! HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT. HE HAS NO TACT!
I'M GONNA YELL AT HIM LATER, SO DON'T WORRY--
THAT'S NOT IT...
ANYWAY, MORE IMPOR-TANTLY!
HUH?
IT'S NOT HIS FAULT.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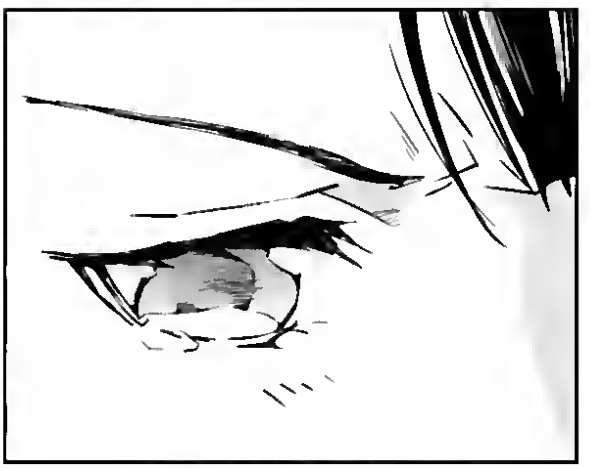
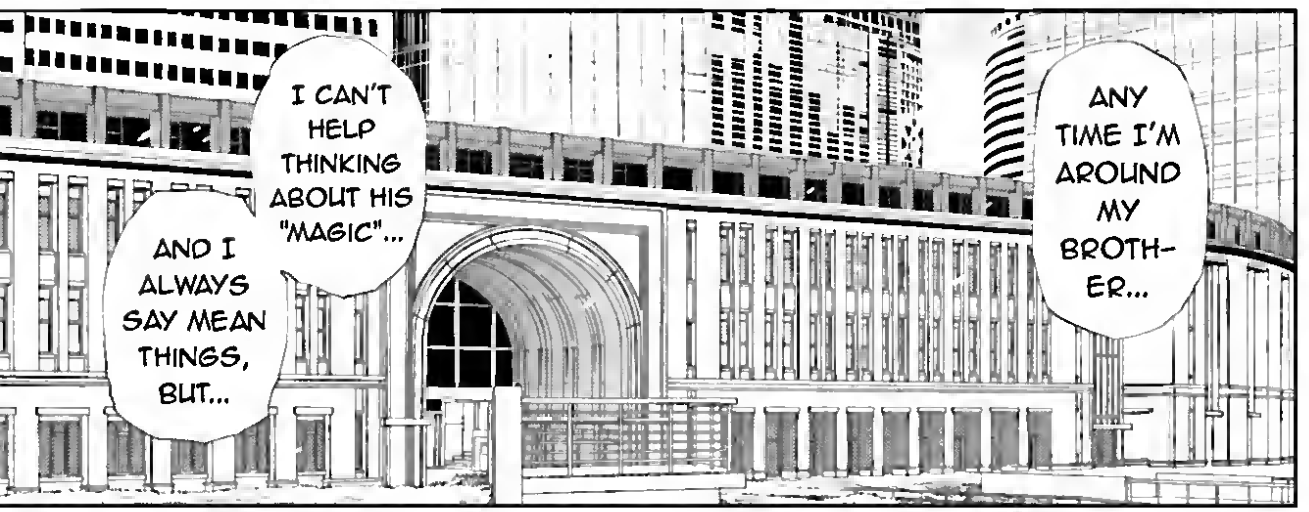
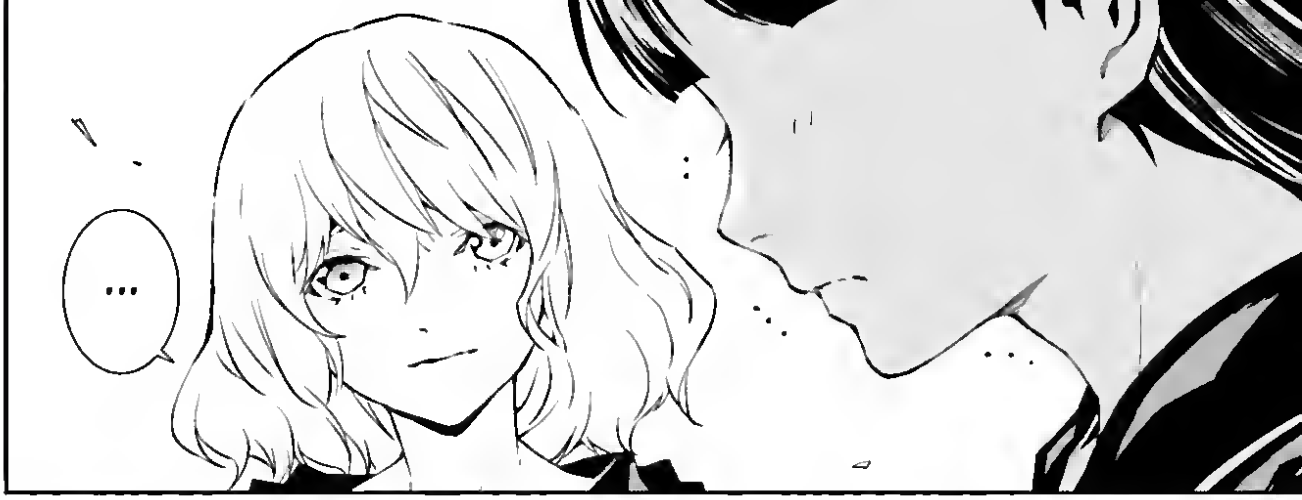



I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT HIS "MAGIC"...
AND I ALWAYS SAY MEAN THINGS, BUT...
ANY TIME I'M AROUND MY BROTH-ER...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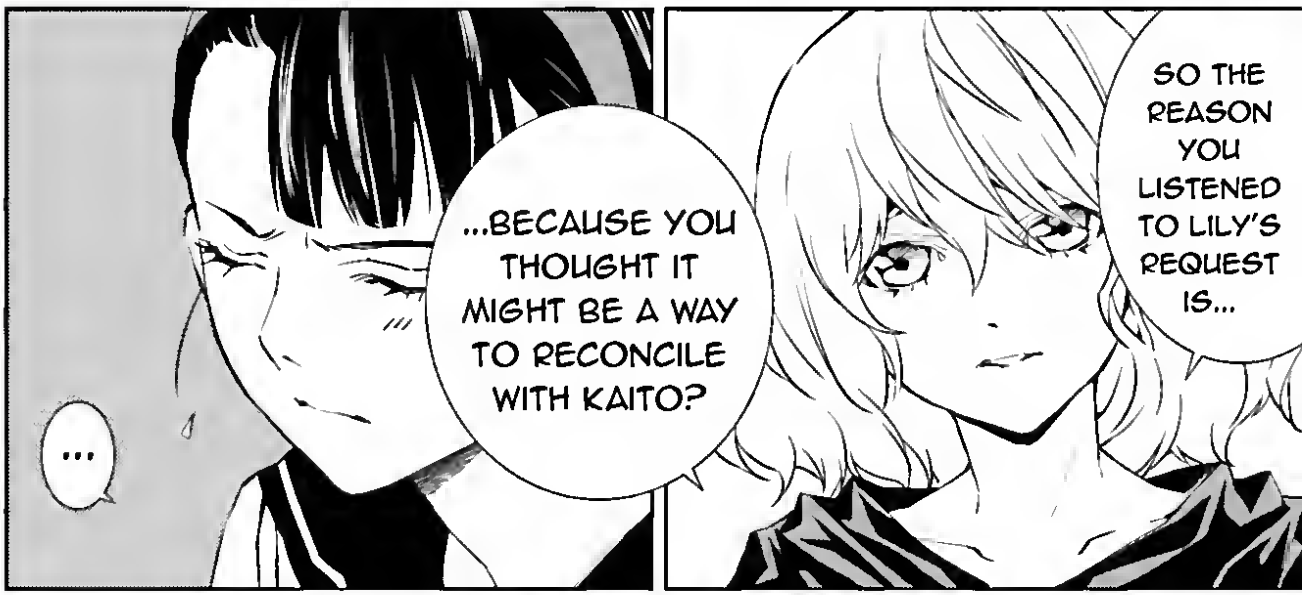
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...BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A WAY TO RECONCILE WITH KAITO?
SO THE REASON YOU LISTENED TO LILY'S REQUEST IS...

KAITO?

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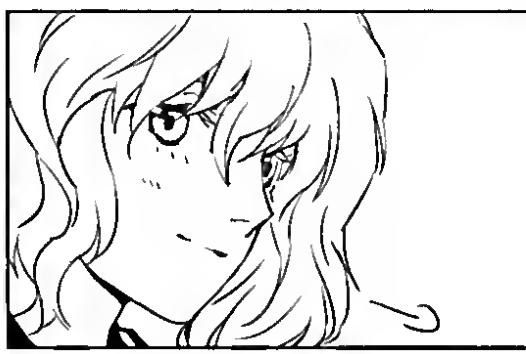

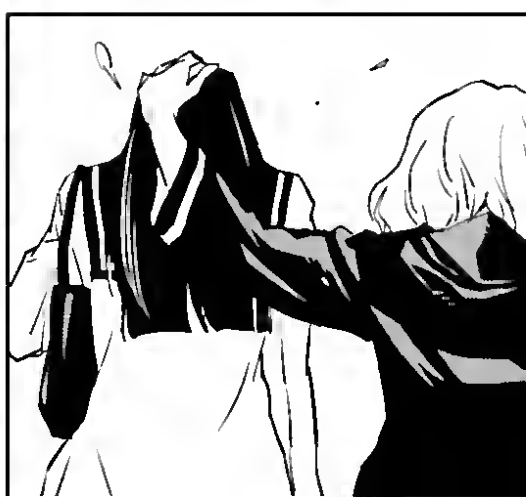

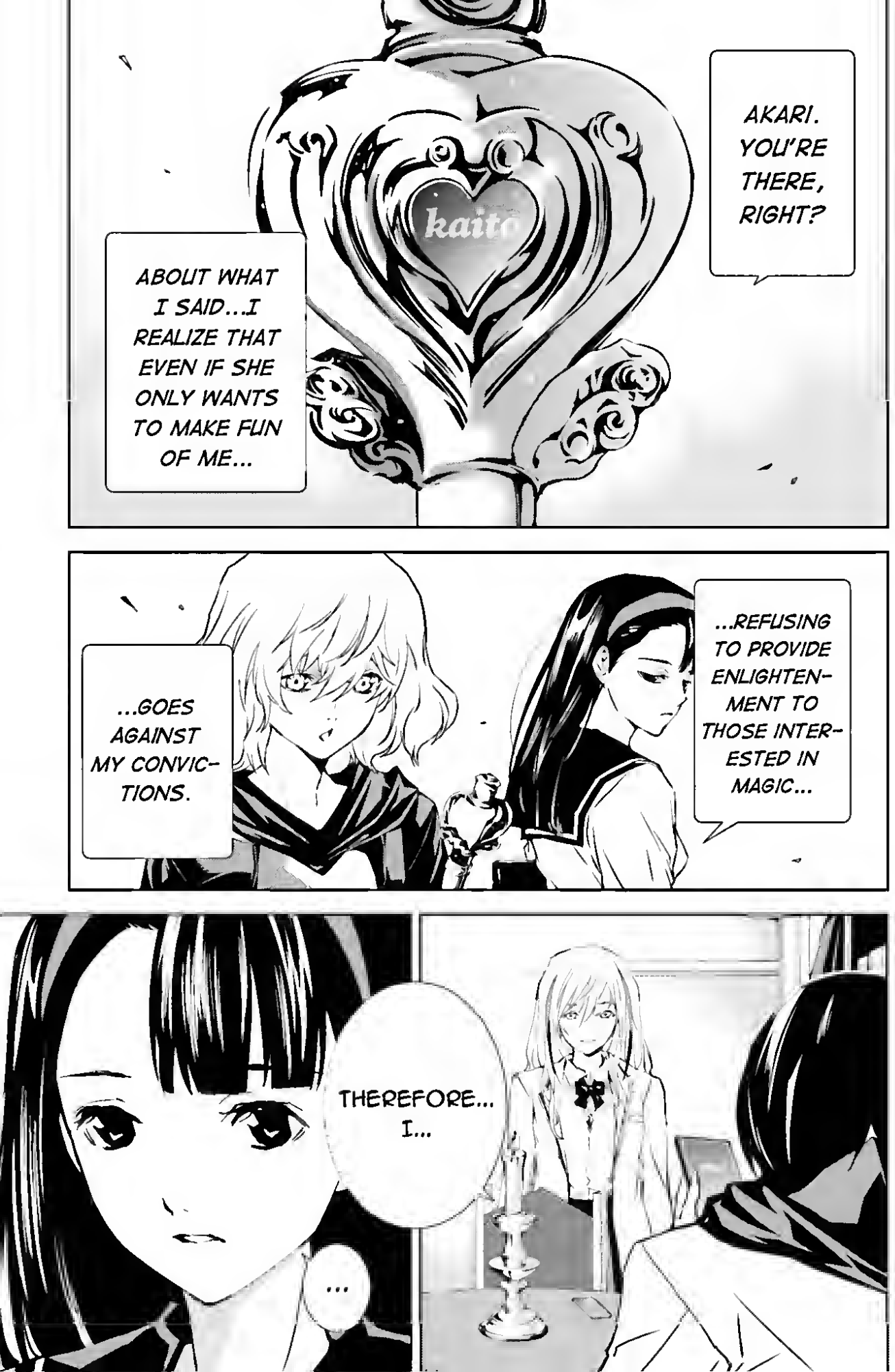
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AKARI. YOU'RE THERE, RIGHT?
ABOUT WHAT I SAID...I REALIZE THAT EVEN IF SHE ONLY WANTS TO MAKE FUN OF ME...
...REFUSING TO PROVIDE ENLIGHTEN-MENT TO THOSE INTER-ESTED IN MAGIC...
...GOES AGAINST MY CONVIC-TIONS.
THEREFORE... I...
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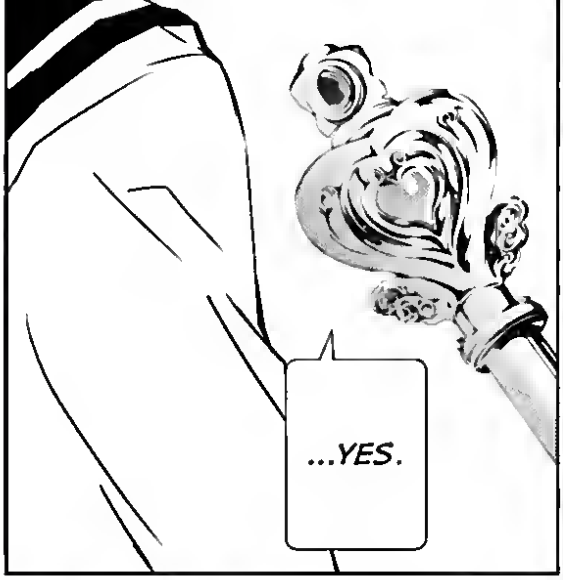
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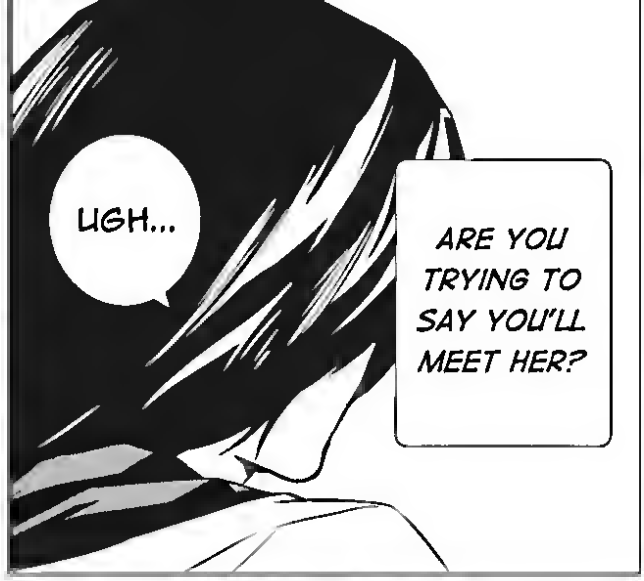
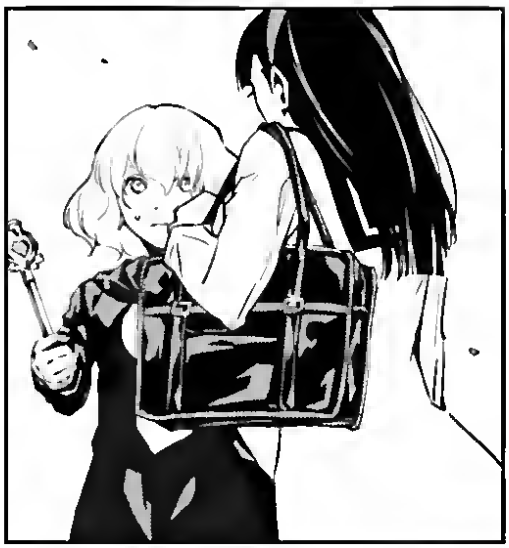

UGH...
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY YOU'LL MEET HER?

BUT...

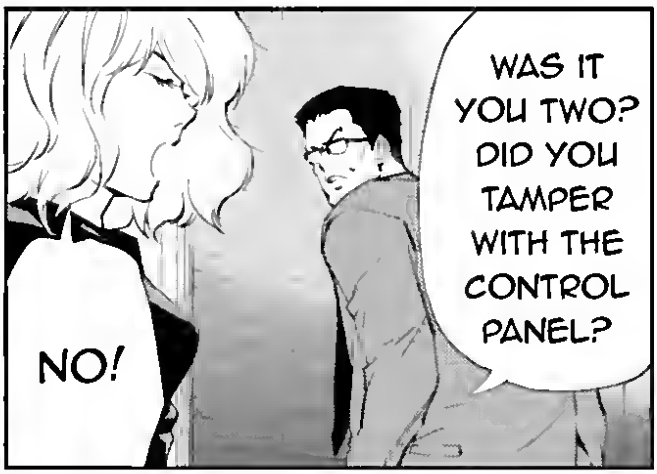


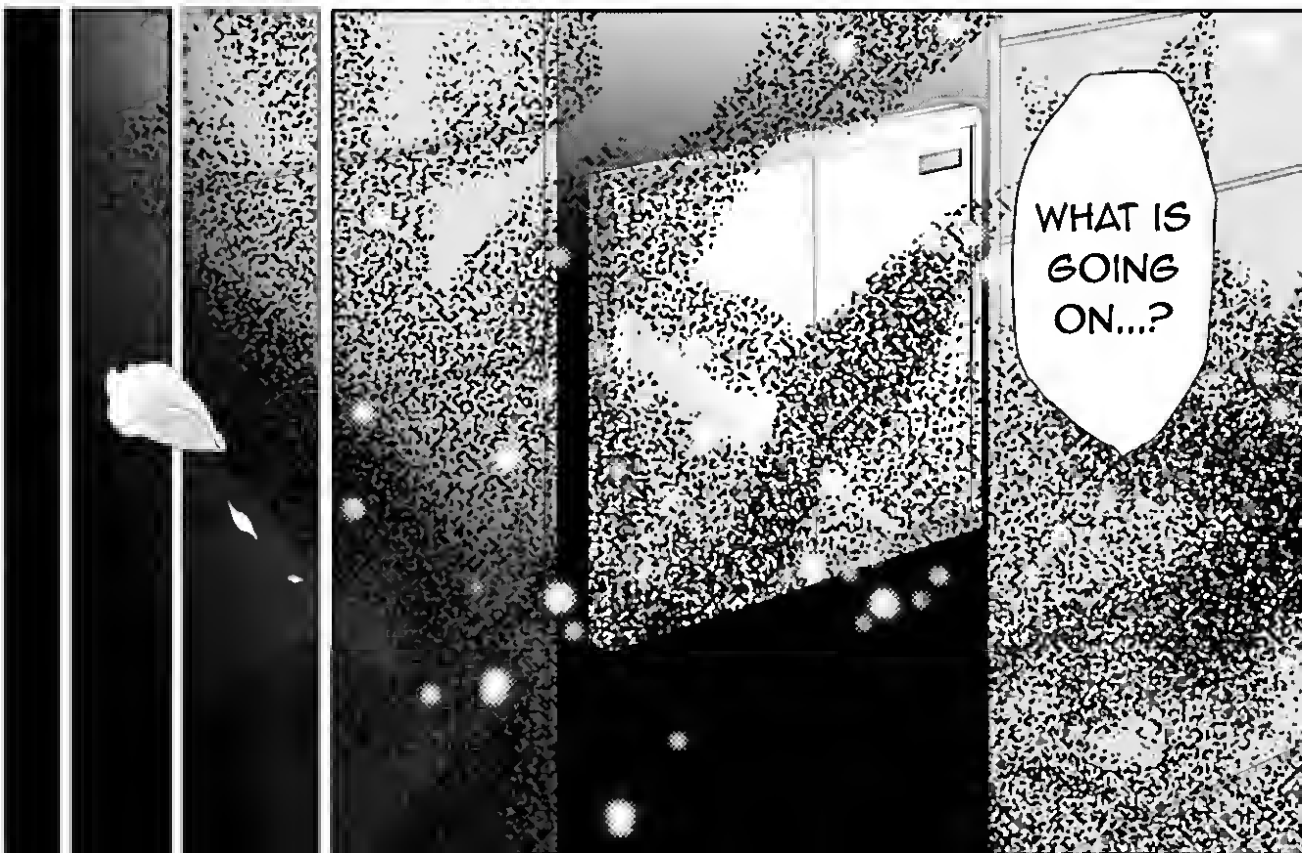
WHAT'S THAT? AFTER YOU ALREADY REFUSED ...?

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...

I SEE...
HOWEVER, I HAVE ONE CONDITION.
GEEZ...
WHAT A DIFFICULT PAIR.
...
A CON-DITION?
YES...
FROM NOW ON, YOU MUST ALSO ADDRESS ME AS "MAESTR --
NO WAY!
WHY, YOU TWO!!
THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERY-THING...

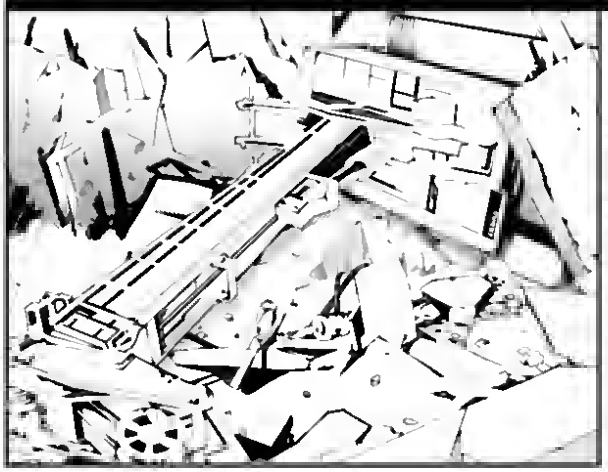
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE STUBBORN KAITO BE THE ONE TO APOLOGIZE...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY IS THE GATE CLOSED?!

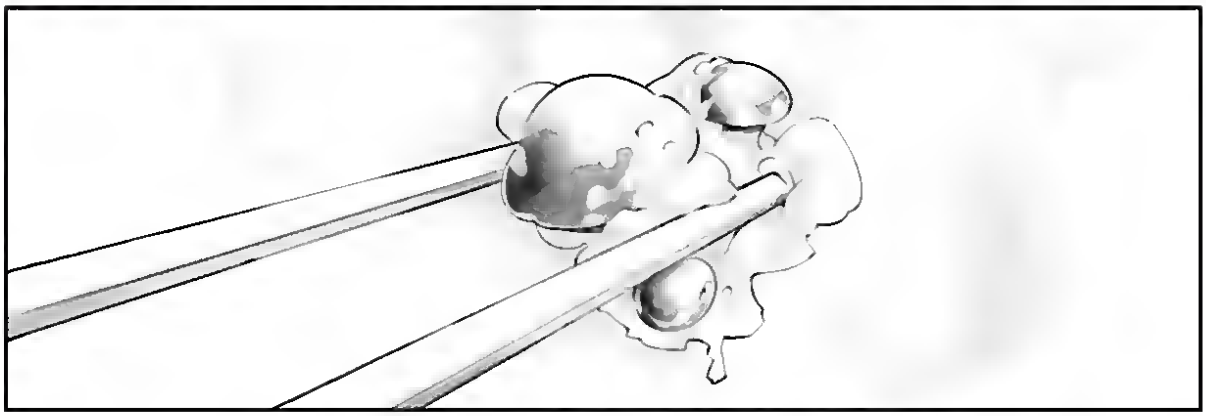

WAS IT YOU TWO? DID YOU TAMPER WITH THE CONTROL PANEL?
NO!


WHAT IS GOING ON...?

THE FOLLOWING DAY

HARBOR DISTRICT, INSIDE “THE SEAM”





C'EST TRÈS BON!♡

MUSHROOM AND SESAME CREAM STEW.
IT TURNED OUT SPLENDIDLY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

THERE YOU ARE.
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU!
INSPEC-TOR!
I-I'LL PASS...
WOULD YOU CARE FOR A TASTE?
PEOPLE SAY THE LUNCHES I MAKE ARE DELICIOUS EVEN COLD.
I'M SORRY... I SEARCHED THE WHOLE AREA AGAIN, BUT...
THERE WERE NO FINGERPRINTS OR ITEMS THAT SEEMED RELEVANT TO THE CASE...
SO, DID YOU FIND SOME-THING?
IS THAT SO...?

WHAT ABOUT ANY WITNESSES?
THERE WAS ONE EYEWITNESS REPORT OF A SUSPICIOUS PERSON.
THOUGH IT'S A BIT LACKING IN CREDIBILITY...

THEY CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN "A MAGICIAN IN A ROBE."

A MAGICIAN...

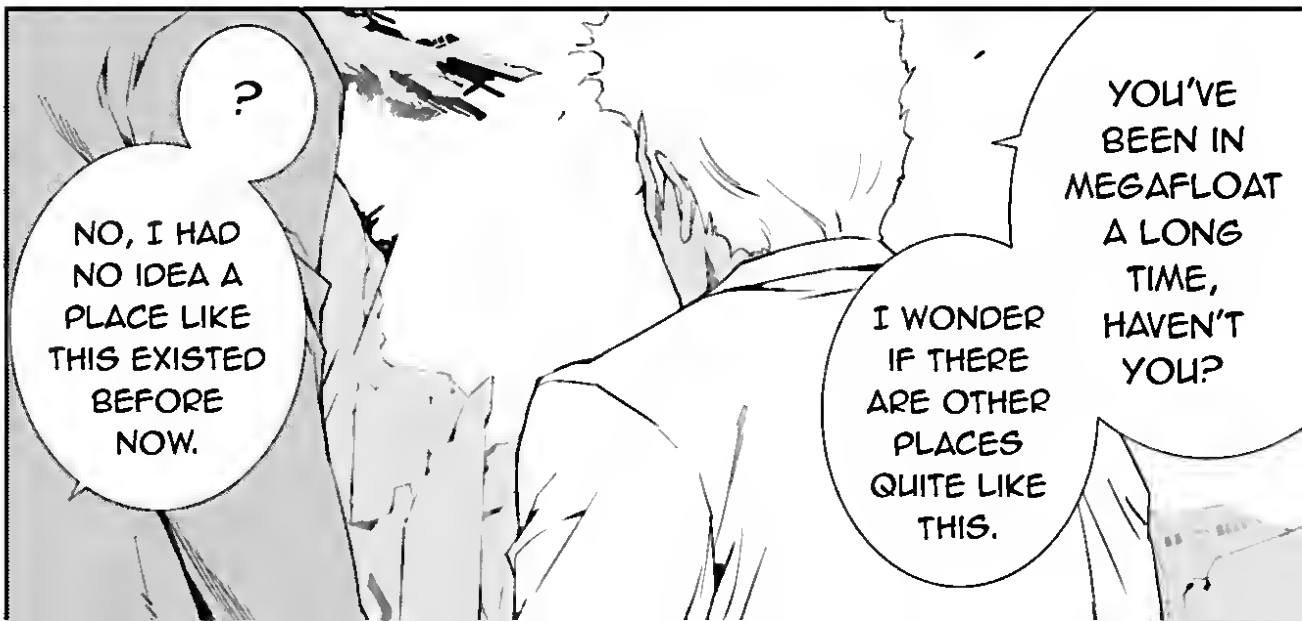
ANYTHING ON THE SECURITY CAM-ERAS?
A WHAT?

THERE'S NOTHING...

DIDN'T ONE OF THE WITNESSES POST A VIDEO OF IT ON THE INTERNET?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE INCIDENT AT THE WEST EXIT SHOPPING DISTRICT A FEW DAYS AGO INVOLVED A GROUP DRESSED AS MAGICIANS.
DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S NO WAY TO PERFECTLY ERASE DATA FROM THE INTERNET?!
YES...BUT THERE'S NO PROOF OR EVEN A TRACE, SO WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
IDIOT!
EVEN THE CYBER-CRIMES DIVISION'S COPY WAS DELETED, I HEAR.
WITHIN THE SAME DAY, THAT VIDEO DISAPPEARED FROM THE INTERNET...
THAT'S THE ONE PEOPLE WERE SUS-PECTING WAS SOME KIND OF GUERRILLA MARKETING, RIGHT?

...

TAKING THIS INCIDENT INTO ACCOUNT, WHO COULD BE BEHIND IT...?
THE VIDEO PROOF OF THE WEST EXIT SHOPPING DISTRICT INCIDENT WAS ELIMINATED FROM THE NET...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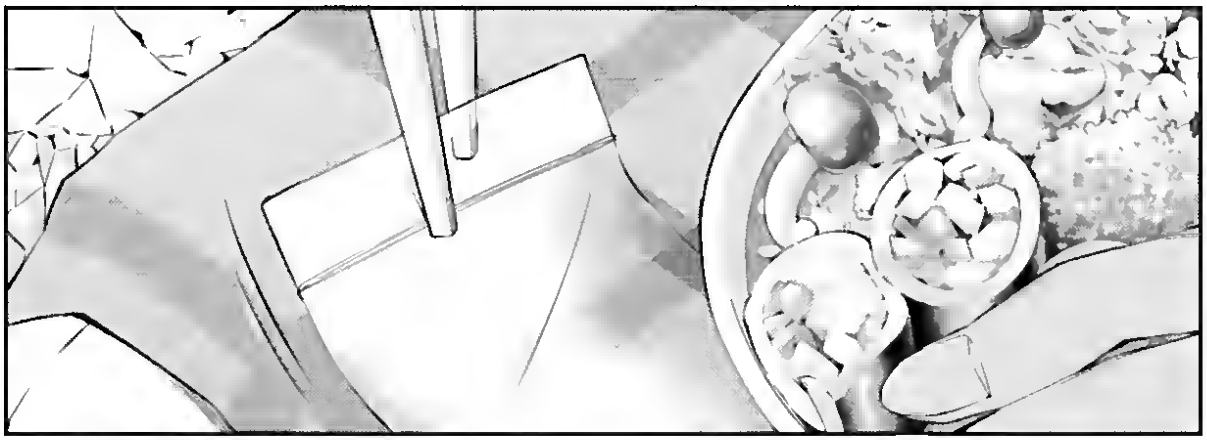
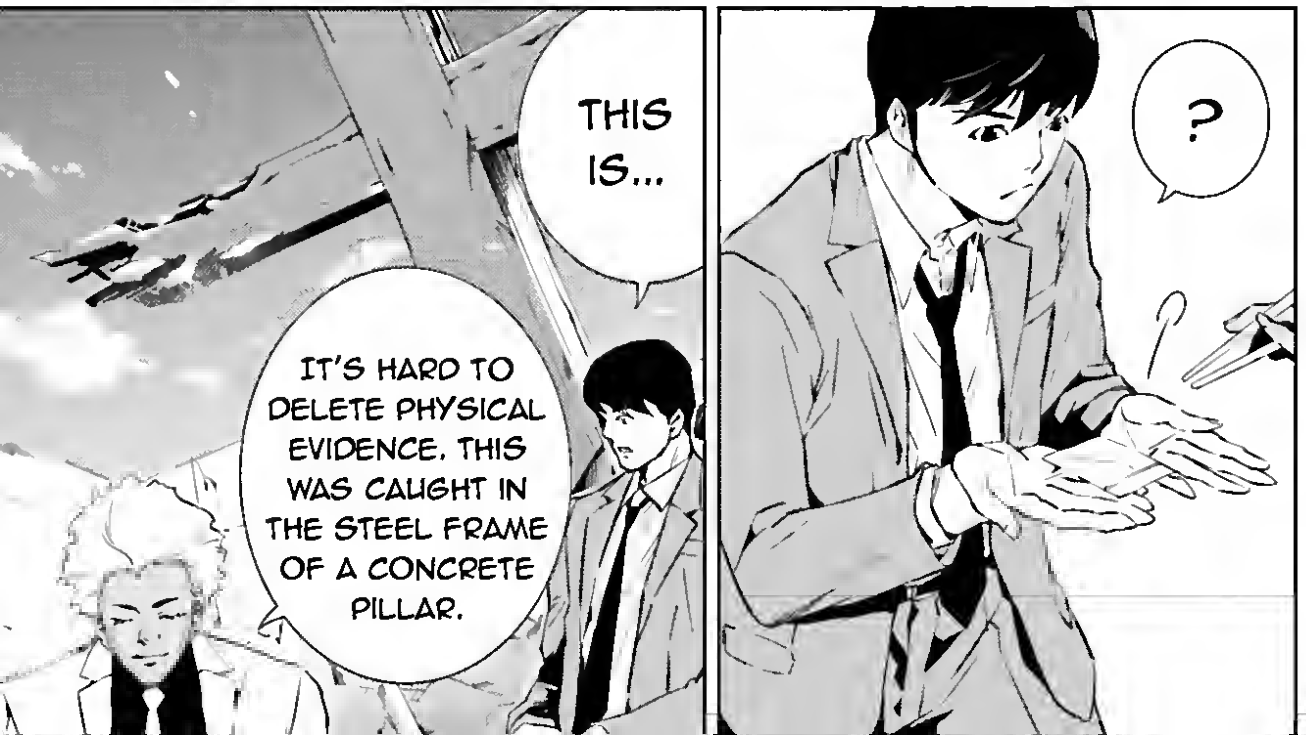
NO, I HAD NO IDEA A PLACE LIKE THIS EXISTED BEFORE NOW.
I WONDER IF THERE ARE OTHER PLACES QUITE LIKE THIS.
YOU'VE BEEN IN MEGAFLOAT A LONG TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?

UNDERSTOOD. I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT.
AH, BEFORE YOU GO...
LET'S BEGIN AN URGENT INVESTIGATION, THIS PLACE INCLUDED.
EVEN IF THE DATA WAS DELETED FROM THE NET, THE VIDEO TAKEN BY SECURITY CAMERAS AND hIEs MAY STILL BE ON THEIR HARD DRIVES...




THIS IS...
IT'S HARD TO DELETE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. THIS WAS CAUGHT IN THE STEEL FRAME OF A CONCRETE PILLAR.
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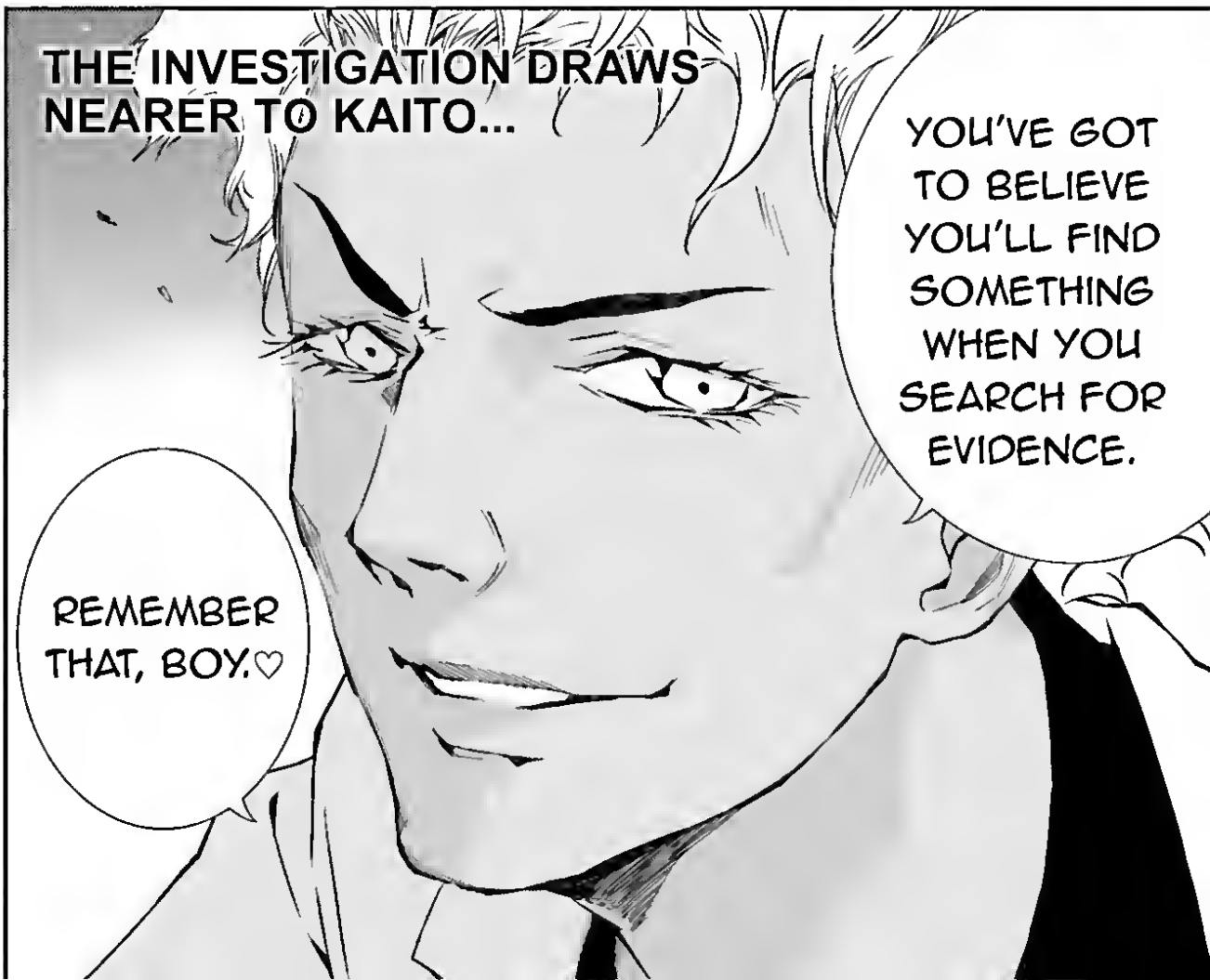
IT'S...A STRING?
YES. I BELIEVE IT'S CARBON NANOTUBE.
IT'S QUITE UNIQUE, SO THE SOURCES ARE LIMITED.


THE INVESTIGATION DRAWS NEARER TO KAITO...
YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING WHEN YOU SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE.
REMEMBER THAT, BOY.♡